



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TANIGUCHI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **Unassigned**

Serial No.: **10/707,525**

Examiner: **Unassigned**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ITS MANUFACTURE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: